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For: RANDOM TRANSPOSON INSERTION OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS AND USE THEREOF TO IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL GENES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 28, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-captioned patent application.

The requisite RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and the fee necessary to extend the period for response by three months are being submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, as necessary, for any additional fee required or any overpayment made.

Claims 20, 21, and 38-56 are pending in this application. Claims 20, 21, 38-41, and 56 have been withdrawn, and claims 42-55 have been rejected. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

A LISTING OF CLAIMS reflects claim amendments and begins on page 2 of this paper.

A REMARKS section begins on page 7 of this paper.